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First Nations Current Critical Issues

Mohawk Nation

On December 18, 1996 the Mohawk Nation passed a statement against the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. In a news release sent out by the Mohawk Nation it stated, "We are Kanienkehaka Peoples, occupying the Kahnawake Territory and part of the Kanie held throughout our long history with Great Britain (and with Canada as one of its Dominions). Any effort to include or subjugate our people under the renegotiation process is a direct violation of our inherent right to self-determination under international law, for which we hold Canada responsible within the world community. We will resist any attempts to force jurisdiction of a new Royal Proclamation or new treaties upon us with all the means at our disposal".

Mohawk Nation Office - Kahnawake Branch
<http://www.alex.com/users/mnation/>

Makominising Anishnawbeg Nation

**George Weston Ltd. supports logging in
Temagami**

The company behind G*R*E*E*N (tm) products also supports logging in Ontario's old-growth forests. George Weston Ltd. is better known for Loblaws stores, and brands such as G*R*E*E*N (tm), President's Choice (tm) and "TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE" (tm). These are advertised as being environmentally friendly, with slogans such as "Save our forests" and "Something can be done!". E.B. Eddy, Weston's forest products company, uses wood from old-growth forests in Temagami and other parts of Ontario.

This was revealed in an interview with CKCU 93.1 FM, a community radio station in Ottawa. On November 27, CKCU interviewed Don Farintosh, a

forester from Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources. According to Farintosh, E.B. Eddy uses wood from Temagami at mills in Elk Lake, Espanola, and Nairn Centre, Ontario.

This is backed up by E.B. Eddy and Goulard Lumber, in affidavits filed in court on September 22. The affidavits describe E.B. Eddy's use of wood from Temagami, the Algoma Highlands, and Algonquin Park.

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MNR permitting illegal logging road

On December 11, 1996, the Temagami Lakes Association, Wildlands League and Sierra legal Defence Fund accused the Ontario MNR of permitting an illegal road to be built into the fragile Cross Lake area of Temagami. The Cross Lake road directly contravenes the Temagami Comprehensive Land Use Plan which cabinet approved in June 1996. Jerry DeMarco, staff Lawyer with the Sierra Legal Defence Fund said "The MNR's violation of the Temagami land use plan is particularly shocking because the government is relying on that very plan to justify its decision to allow logging of old-growth forests in Temagami."

Rally outside Peterborough Court House

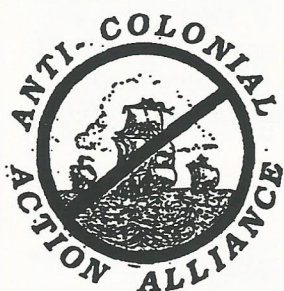
On Dec. 18, 1996 Temagami Action Group-Peterborough organized a rally outside the Peterborough Provincial courthouse to support 13 people arrested on Oct. 15. There was a news conference with the following speakers; Bruce

Hodgins, professor with the History Department at Trent, and director of Wanapetei Wilderness Camp on lake Temagami, Floyd Howlett, a member of Coalition for Social Justice and one of the people that made a complaint to the Peterborough Police after being pepper sprayed on October 15, 1996, and one of the lawyers for the 13 people charged at the MNR demonstration.

Innu Nation

Newfoundland government plans Trans-Labrador Highway

Sheshatshiu -The provincial government's vision of the Trans-Labrador Highway is a re-occurring nightmare for the Innu people. Daniel Ashini, the Director of Innu Rights and Environment stated that "The Newfoundland government has always been interested in gaining access to Innu land. But without a land rights agreement with the Innu, the Trans-Labrador Highway will always be a non-starter."



A.C.A.A. Strategy

The following strategy was developed at the A.C.A.A. strategy camp on September 1, 1996 at Serpent Mounds Park, Hiawatha First Nation.

- To gather & share information on entities [governments, corporations, non-profit organizations and grassroots groups] that oppose First Nations self-determination and Aboriginal rights.

Objectives:

- To organize an annual or bi-annual strategy camp that will rotate around the province.
- To produce a bi-monthly or monthly *Communication Bulletin* to distribute to organizations and individuals in Canada.
- To maintain an ACAA Web Page with information from the *Communication Bulletin* and other material.
- To coordinate provincial or national support projects with First Nation communities.

Structure-Liaison Person

Each member group selects at least one person to act as liaison between their group and other ACAA groups. This position is not elected and it can rotate within the group. Anyone and everyone can be a liaison person as long as they fulfil the responsibilities of the position. The role of the liaison person is to;

- To help organize the annual or bi-annual strategy camp.
- To gather and share information on local issues relevant to ACAA.
- To contribute information to the *Communication Bulletin* on anti-colonial groups, events, projects, campaigns, actions, court dates.
- To help organize local initiatives in provincial or national projects.

Basis of Unity

The Anti-Colonial Action Alliance is a national network of autonomous groups and individuals and local Anti-Colonial Action groups who act in alliance with Indigenous resistance to the colonial state of Canada. ACAA engages in investigative research, public education, support work and direct action.

Principles of Unity

- Member groups and individuals maintain complete autonomy outside of ACAA.
- Organizing within ACAA will be on a de-centralized, anti-authoritarian structure, members of ACAA will work to eliminate internal hierarchies (including sexism, racism, hetero-sexism and classism) within the sphere of ACAA.
- Membership in ACAA is voluntary and open to anyone who agrees with the goals and objectives.

Goals:

- To strengthen the regional communication structure between existing organizations that support First Nations self-determination.
- To support the political initiatives of First Nation communities.

In November Ernie McLean, the Minister of Government Services, and Julie Bettney, the Minister of Works Services and Transportation, announced that the province was actively pursuing the development of an all-weather Trans-Labrador Highway, including an upgrade of the existing Churchill Falls tote road and the construction of a new link from Goose Bay to the South Coast.

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Mosakahiken Cree Nation

RCMP accused of racism in investigation

Winnipeg — Hundreds of natives occupied the Manitoba Legislature in November. Members of the Mosakahiken Cree Nation near The Pas allege the RCMP investigation into a recent murder has been tainted by racism because the victim was native and the accused—who is white—is the son of the local sheriff who withheld information in the death of Helen Betty Osborne more than 20 years ago.

Lubicon Nation

Consumers Gas cuts ties with Unocal

Toronto — December 5, 1996 — In the midst of thousands of consumer requests to adhere to company proclamations that Consumers Gas is both "ethical" and "green", officials have finally announced they will cut ties to the internationally condemned oil and gas conglomerate, Unocal. The California-based Unocal is under fire for human rights and environmental abuse in Canada and Burma. "While we have clearly advised that we will not cancel our existing contract with Unocal we have indicated that we will not be renewing our long term gas supply contract with Unocal after its terms have been fulfilled," says the President and Chief Executive Officer of Consumers Gas, Ron Munkley.

Consumers Gas' contract with Unocal represented over 20% of Unocal's gas sales in Canada. Greater Toronto and Ottawa customers, united in a year long mail-in campaign, have been urging Consumers Gas to deal only with companies that respect human rights and the environment.

In Canada, Unocal has built a sour gas processing plant on Lubicon Cree territory which was never ceded to any government. The Lubicon Lake Cree Nation of northern Alberta is opposed to the plant

which is a few kilometers up-wind from the future Lubicon reserve.

The plant is a violation of Aboriginal land rights and the Lubicon see it as a threat to the health of their community — already reporting skin rashes, respiratory problems and birth defects.

For more information contact:

Fatema Mullan @ (416) 631-3576.

Dalshowa top ten worst company

January 8 1997-Ralph Nader's Multinational Monitor has named Dalshowa one of the Ten Worst Corporations of 1996, calling it "rotten to the core" for its attempts to silence Canadians who are critical of its activities.

The multinational paper company Dalshowa is suing the Toronto group Friends of the Lubicon for its successful boycott campaign in support of the Lubicon Lake Cree Nation of Alberta. Since the boycott began in 1991, Dalshowa has been forced to hold off clear-cut logging operations on disputed Native lands. But last year the company convinced the Ontario appellate Court to outlaw the boycott and is now seeking damages it claims have topped \$10 million.

Multinational Monitor, founded by consumer advocate Ralph Nader in 1980, is a monthly magazine that focuses on issues of multinational corporate power.

Friends of the Lubicon

Kevin Thomas at (416) 631-4048

Sinixt/Arrow Lakes Nation

Department of Indian Affairs does not recognize Sinixt people

According to the foreign government of Canada, Sinixt Native Robert Watt has lived only two years of "recognized" existence. In typical DIA doublespeak, the federal minister of Indian Affairs, Ron Irwin, has clarified the situation as follows: The Sinixt/Arrow Lakes Band "ceased to exist as a band for the purpose of the Indian Act... It does not, of course, mean that the Sinixt people ceased to exist as a tribal group." (August 9, 1995)

The Sovereign Sinixt/Arrow Lakes Nation is a trans-border nation. 80% of Sinixt traditional territory is located north of the border in what is now known as British Columbia. The other 20% of their ancestral homeland is south of the border in Washington State where the Sinixt are officially recognized by the foreign government of the U.S.A.

Robert Watt was born in his territory south of the border. His Elders have appointed him as the caretaker of an ancient Sinixt village site and burial ground at Vallican, B.C. The Canadian government through the Immigration Act, has defined Robert Watt as an alien, an illegal immigrant in his own tradi-



tional homeland. The Adjudication Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board ordered Robert to leave "Canada" by December 16th, 1993. Robert, along with the traditional Sinixt are presently embroiled in a federal court battle which has reached the appeals level. The issue as defined by the federal court is "...whether an aboriginal person who is neither a Canadian citizen nor a registered Indian has a right to remain in Canada because he belongs to a tribe whose traditional territory straddles the Canada-United States border." July 21, 1994 Reason for Order.

In an effort to raise funds to keep the case going, the Coalition of Supporters of the Sinixt/Arrow Lakes Peoples have produced a full-colour poster of Robert, in his homeland, beside an ancient cedar. It is 19" by 27" and is entitled "Guardian of the Rainforest, ancient legacy, perpetual growth, sacred responsibility, the Sinixt Aboriginal People Come Home". The poster is available from the

Sinixt People for a minimum donation of \$10.00 towards Robert's case. Write to;
Sinixt/Arrow Lakes Nation
Group 16, Comp. 2, R.R.1
Winlaw, B.C. V0G 2J0



Shuswap Nation

RCMP organized smear campaign against Shuswap Defenders

Friday, December 20, Jurors were visibly shocked at the ongoing Gustafsen Lake trial when defense lawyer George Wool played a portion of RCMP training videos made during the Gustafsen Lake standoff in the Summer of 1995.

The tape recorded a meeting of the RCMP 'management team' held in the 100 Mile House detachment board room in early September.

Principal police negotiator Dennis Ryan is clearly heard asking the team for names of people and parties "that can help us with a smear and disinformation campaign."

In response, one of the members relates a conversation with a representative of a national aboriginal organization who seems to be "willing to assist us."

The RCMP's chief media liaison for British Columbia, Sgt. Peter Montague, is heard to state that "smear campaigns are a specialty of mine." Prior to the video being shown, RCMP negotiator Sean Wylie denied repeatedly any knowledge of a smear and disinformation campaign. After the video was played, he admitted knowledge of a planned release of criminal records of some camp occupants to the media.

Officer Wylie also spoke of "political pressure" on the RCMP. Disclosures of high-ranking RCMP indicate repeated meetings and conversations with

NDP Deputy Attorney-General Stephen Owen, Assistant Deputy Minister Maureen Maloney, and the Attorney General's assistant Ernie Quandt to make sure "the political people are in line."

This clear and plain indication of conspiracy on the part of senior RCMP and the province of B.C.'s NDP government only reinforces the continuing demand for a public inquiry into the Gustafsen Lake standoff.

Wolverine — the 64 year old Shuswap traditionalist — remains in jail. Bail was once more refused by Judge Josephson on Wednesday, despite these dramatic revelations.

The strategy now must be to push for a full and comprehensive public inquiry into the Gustafsen Lake crisis and the unfolding conspiracy of prominent high-level government and police officials.

SISIS advisory

Settlers in Support of Indigenous Sovereignty sent in this advisory;

"On your web site for the ACAA, under the "Ts'peten support", section, you have the following text advertising Janice Switlo's book: A new book is out called Gustafsen Lake: Under Siege; Exposing the truth behind the Gustafsen Lake Stand-off" by Janice G.A.E. Switlo. Please be advised that this book is NOT endorsed or supported by many of the Ts'peten Defenders"

Halfway River Nation

Blockade set up against Canfor logging crews

Fort St. John BC — The Halfway River First Nation are determined to stop logging in the Halfway River area. Their protest in December, 1996 turned away Canfor crews from the area northwest of Fort St John. "We're not going to give up and we're not going to go away," said Treaty 8 Tribal Chief Judy Maas. "We have nowhere to go; this is our home." Maas took exception to Canfor's explanation that they only want to cut based on the permit issued by the Forests Ministry and felt the Halfway River First Nation had been adequately consulted as required by law.

But "Canfor and the Ministry of Forests seem to be mistaking 'notification' for consultation," said Maas. "I have a stack of letters to the Ministry of Forests and Canfor protesting the planned logging in this small area," said Maas. "For two years now we have been telling them this place is vital to the continued exercise of our treaty and Aboriginal rights, and for two years they have been ignoring or dismissing us." She said the ministry issued the permit illegally.

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Okanagan Nation

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs disrupted

VANCOUVER — The Penticton First Nation isn't ruling out violence as an option to resolve its longstanding land dispute. The natives gave the warning in a report presented to the standing committee on aboriginal affairs Wednesday. "Political assassination or armed conflict may be necessary to protect the Okanagan Nation," the band said. Chief Stewart Phillip defended the language. "What we're dealing with here is the disposition of lands," Phillip said. "I don't think it's lost on anyone that since the beginning of time all major conflicts and wars have been fought over land and territory." Committee member Jack Weisgerber said he was offended by the harsh language.

The committee is travelling around British Columbia to hear submissions on the proposed Nisga'a treaty covering a land claim in northwestern British Columbia. Wednesday afternoon's hearing was thrown into chaos when a group of protesters stormed the session. The 25 native and non-native supporters hurled insults at politicians and one emptied a glass of water in the face of a woman. Another grabbed Weisgerber's nameplate as the group chanted "Shame the racist Reform party." New Democrat chairman Ian Waddell turned the floor over to the demonstrators, who spoke for 15 minutes and then left.

The transcripts of the speeches of the three people to whom the floor was turned over can be found at: <http://www.wimsey.com/~samuel/robson1.html>

Western Shoshone Nation

Oro Nevada Mining Company plans exploration

December 10, 1996 — Oro Nevada Mining Company, a Canadian gold mining firm, has posted mining claims throughout Crescent Valley, Nevada, the traditional lands of Western Shoshone grandmothers, Mary and Carrie Dann. In August, Oro Nevada told the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) they were planning to conduct exploratory drilling in Section 10, T28N, R49E. Within this Section (one-square mile), is a hot spring that has been used by the Dann family for generations.

As a result of pressure placed on Oro Nevada, the company retracted its initial plan to drill in

Section 10 containing the hot water. But that was not the end of the matter. Oro still has a broad exploration program ahead, including drilling thousand-foot holes in the section immediately adjacent to the hot spring, Section 3.

On November 19th, 1996, the Oro Nevada Mining Company rolled its machinery up to the edge of the Cortez Mountain range, along Dewey Dann Creek. The same day the drilling began, three federal BLM agents visited the WSDP base camp and office. They wanted to ensure the safety of the drilling rig and its operators. By late December, Oro Nevada intends to begin drilling in Section 3. This section is between Section 10 (containing the hot spring) and Section 4, where the WSDP base camp is located. Given the depth of the drill holes, and the close proximity of the hot spring to the section boundary line, there is still a strong threat to the hot water.

Research on Oro Nevada has revealed that the company is not directly connected to any of the major transnational mining corporations. Their address is: Michael Farrugia, Oro Nevada Resources Inc., 20 Adelaide St. East, Suite 200, Toronto, Ontario M5C 2T6

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Canadian support work

The MSN-Montreal some of the update in Communication Bulletin # 2 wasn't exactly correct: We had an evening event on the 'Intercontinental Encounter for Humanity and against Neoliberalism on Sept 19th with about 150 people, and on Oct. 19th we had a day long workshop (with 40 people) to form a Resistance Network Against Neoliberalism, and a benefit diner later that night co-organised with Montreal Food Not Bombs with videos and some music afterwards, with about 70 people.

Since then there have been a number of meetings organising this resistance network. On October 11, members of our group went to Quebec city for an event (showed a video and spoke) about the Zapatistas and the Intercontinental Encounter, organised by Demanarchie, Food Not Bombs and Coalition Y (students). About 20 people were attended. On November 29, a Zapatista solidarity video night was held with 20 people and we raised a little money to send down south for X-mas. There have also been meetings to organise a large conference on Mexico, native struggles, and resistance to neoliberalism in the spring here in Montreal.

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Grand Theft, Genocide, Racism,
Initiating the Destruction of a Culture,
Rape, Torture, and Maiming of
Indigenous People and
Instigator of the Big Lie.

Political Prisoner update

Jones William Ignace (Wolverine)

Jones William Paul Ignace, a 64 year old organic farmer and Shuswap elder whose Shuswap name is "Wolverine". Has been in Jail since September 29, 1995. He is one of the Ts'peten Defenders who stood fast in their defence of unceded territory near Gustafesen Lake in Shuswap Territory and is being held illegally by the British Columbia judicial system.

To contact Wolverine write:

Jones William Ignace

Surrey Pre-Trial Centre

14323 54th, Ave. Surrey BC V3X 1B1

Woody Becker

December 18, 1996 — Woody Becker, a traditional family head with the Makominising Anishinawbeg was being detained in North Bay-Ontario. Becker was charged with public mischief and intimidation after the Ontario Provincial Police arrested four native people during a sacred fire ceremony in Temagami in October.

Becker was sentenced after a court appearance on November 26, 1996. He was scheduled to be released on January 6th, 1997.

According to Becker "the main leverage that we have in court is our Native rights. We are going to use them to show that their criminal justice system is wrong again, to desecrate Native rights and ceremonies."

Leonard Peltier

February 6, 1997 will be the 21st year of Leonard Peltier's false imprisonment. He has recently had medical surgery to his jaw and he is being denied

medical attention. The Leonard Peltier Defence Committee-Canada will be hosting a number of events to increase awareness in Canada of his case. Contact; LPDC -Canada

43 Chandler Drive, Scarborough, ON M1G 1Z1

Write to;

Leonard Peltier 89637-132

Leavenworth, Kansas, U.S.A. 66048

Mumia Abu Jamal

Dec 9th - Toronto, Ontario: Nearly 100 people demonstrated in front of the American consulate to join with thousands of people around the world in support of American political prisoner and journalist, Mumia Abu Jamal, who faces execution in Pennsylvania. Later in the evening over 40 people attended a screening of the latest video on Abu Jamal's case at the South African Cultural Centre. Pedro Sanchez of Friends of MOVE in Toronto also updated the case of the MOVE 9. (Twenty-five people attended a similar event the evening before.)

There was an event in Montreal at Librarie Alternative on Oct 12 on 'Political Prisoners in the United States' with members of the New Jersey Anarchist Black Cross and Anarchist Black Cross Federation with about 25 people attending.

To Write to Mumia in Prison:

Mumia Abu-Jamal #AM-8335

*SCI Greene 1040 E. Roy Furman Highway
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Khalfani X. Khaldun

Khalfani X. Khaldun (s/n Leonard McQuay #874304) has been a prisoner at the maximum control facility since Dec. 13, 1994 when he was accused of a crime he did not commit, the murder of an Indiana state prison guard. Since Dec. 13, 1994 State Officials have been waging an attack on Khalfani Khaldun from all angles.

Mail is being stolen, copied, destroyed, and sent to the court. Back in June 1995 the medical staff at this facility came to Khalfani claiming to have a court order to obtain a blood sample to be tested with other DNA test. He allowed it to happen only because he felt it was a legit court order and later found out it was a conspiracy by the state to gain a conviction against him.

A civil law suite was filed by Khalfani against the State and the medical staff there at that facility.

*Gary Peoples Justice Committee
PO Box 1513, Gary, IN 46407*

PNS wins the first round in its fight against censorship at Mission Institution

A federal prisoner in British Columbia reports that he was successful in challenging the censorship of *Prison News Service*. In a very narrowly based decision, Judge Frederick Gibson of the Federal Court of Canada ruled that the Warden of Mission Institution had not given sufficient reasons to Crawshaw for rejecting PNS. The Judge's decision clearly states his decision is meant to lead to a conclusion that PNS could not be banned if such proper procedures were followed.

Allan Crawshaw started receiving PNS shortly after he was imprisoned in 1994 for the murder of his boss. He received a few issues, but then got a memo in June of 1995 which stated that he would no longer be able to receive or to read the paper.

Activists' legal notes

Animal Rights

Six people were arrested on charges ranging from trespassing to assault in September 1996, at an animal rights demonstration. About 200 activists from 25 countries gathered near the entrance of the Niagara Falls amusement park calling for the release of captive marine mammals inside. The public mischief charge has been resolved with a \$300 fine.



Action for Social Change-Toronto

Matthew Behrens and Brian Burch were charged with failure to comply when they were charged for

going to Queen's Park on Jan. 15th. The maximum sentence is two years.

15 people charged on May Day 1996 with mischief to property go to trial on Feb. 25th 1997.

10 people charged at a plant-in out front of Queen's Park on May 15th, 1996 go to trial on Feb. 11th, 1997.

10 people charged at a plant-in in front of Queen's Park on October 23, 1996 have their next court date on Jan. 9, 1997 to set a trial date.

For details call;

Toronto Action for Social Change

phone; 651-5800

email; burch@web.net.

Earth First!

Judi Bari has a lawsuit against the FBI and the Oakland Police Dept for their handling of the bombing of her car and false arrest. The Environmental/labor activist alleged that the FBI used the 1990 bombing as an opportunity to try and discredit her and fellow Activist Darryl Cherney by knowingly giving false information to the press, among other things. The plaintiffs and their supporters further alleged that the FBI was using COINTELLPRO tactics to try to disrupt the work of the North Coast Earth First! and The Timber Workers Union (IWW Local 1) These claims are being supported by recently released FBI documents, which show the FBI has been lying about the case.

If you would like more information on the case or would like to make a financial contribution contact;

Redwood Summer Justice Project

POB 14720 Santa Rosa, CA 95402

(checks and money orders should be made out to Redwood Justice Fund).

Earthroots

Over 60 people were charged at the Forest Defence Camp in Temagami last fall. Those pleading not guilty go to trial in June, 1997.

Stoney Point First Nation

Five Stoney Pointers with twenty-one charges have had their trial dates set for: March 10 & 11; March 24-27; May 6-9; and May 26-30, 1997.

There are three remaining charges of "Forcibly entering the Park" (Stoney Point). The Stoney Point pumphouse which must be maintained by the Stoney Pointers is located here; government documentation also verifies the Stoney Pointers' claims that their "Sacred Ceremonial Grounds" are located here.

Other charges the Stoney Pointers are facing include assault with a deadly weapon (a vehicle), assault causing bodily harm, mischief, failing to appear, damage to a vehicle over \$5000, possession of a barrel-shaped weapon, and one charge of possession of a piece of wood.

Some of these charges stem as far back as June 1995. Many of the other charges relate to the September 6, 1995 confrontation when the police attacked the unarmed men, women, and children at Stoney Point resulting in the shooting death of Anthony Dudley George.

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Temagami Action Group

On January 3, 1997, Larry Lees was acquitted of pulling a false fire alarm at a demonstration against the Ministry of Natural Resource provincial headquarters in Peterborough on October 15th, 1996. The demonstration was protesting illegal logging on unceded Native land in Temagami.

Larry Lees was one of 14 people arrested on October 15th. One young offender has taken diversion. The other 12 protestors are scheduled to appear in court on January 29th, 1997. 10 people face criminal mischief and two women face assault police.

As a result of the demonstration seven complaints were made to the police complaints commissioner for the use of pepper spray and one forcible strip search.

Letter from ARA

December 16, 1996

Hello to Anti-Colonial Action Alliance member groups from Toronto Anti-Racist Action. This letter is a response to the Proposal for a Preliminary A.C.A.A. Structure printed in the Communication Bulletin #2.

Here in Toronto we have discussed what ARA can give to the Alliance, as well as what we hope to gain. We came up with the following input.

Toronto ARA supports the goals of the alliance, that is to strengthen the regional communication structure between First Nations solidarity and Anti-Colonial groups, to support the political initiatives of First Nations communities, and to gather and share information on groups which oppose First Nations self determination and rights. ARA will work towards these goals within our abilities and resources. We also support the objectives of the alliance, however we feel that at this time we are unable to contribute much of the day to day, hands on work of carrying out these objectives.

The reason for this is that our focus is anti-fascist work and we do not have the resources at this time to contribute to the structure building in a meaningful way. Because our focus has been anti-fascism in the four years of our existence, one of the primary goals of the newly formed Anti-Colonial Crew is to do education within ARA around First Nations struggles, sovereignty and other rights. Our hope with this crew is to be able to expand not only the work of ARA, but also the political point of view of the group to include an anti-colonial perspective. At this point, ARA does

not reflect an anti-colonial politic in a solid and sustained manner. However, our hope is that by forming a crew to take initiative and responsibility for our response to First Nations struggles, and by being a part of the Anti-Colonial Action Alliance, we can work towards this goal of consistent political work around First Nations struggle.

As a member of ACAA, ARA will continue to do the kind of solidarity work that we have done in the past. This includes organizing benefit gigs, printing updates of anti-colonial struggles in *On The Prowl*, and gathering information on, and exposing and opposing anti-Native hate groups, as well as other support work. We feel that the strongest link between anti-fascist and anti-colonial work that ARA can make as an anti-fascist group is to research and expose the links between white supremacists, neo-Nazi's, and the fringe right on the one hand and anti-Native hate groups on the other.

We hope that the Anti-Colonial Action Alliance develops into a solid network with reliable and meaningful communication between member groups. ARA, as well as other groups listed as members of ACAA, will benefit from an effective communication structure around anti-colonial struggles.

Finally, ARA requests that this letter be printed in the next Communication Bulletin so that the other member groups are aware of what ARA can contribute to the alliance, and what we also hope to gain. We are also interested to know what responses to the proposal other member groups have made.

In solidarity,
ARA

Letter from Prison News Service

January 15, 1996

Greetings:

It is with deep regret that *Prison News Service* is announcing that we are having to pull back from our commitment to the American prison struggle. We've been doing this work in one form or another since 1980. Our own political and personal growth, has been intimately connected to our comrades and friends locked down in American dungeons. But we can not keep up with the massive volume of mail that we get from American prisoners, nor can we continue to pay for the more than 3,000 free subs that we were sending across the border.

The paper will continue as is, but with a primarily Canadian focus. It will provide good radical journalism covering Justice-related issues in Canada from a grassroots perspective. We realize that as a specifically Canadian paper, it may not appeal as much to you. But the political and social issues are similar enough in both countries that hopefully you will find

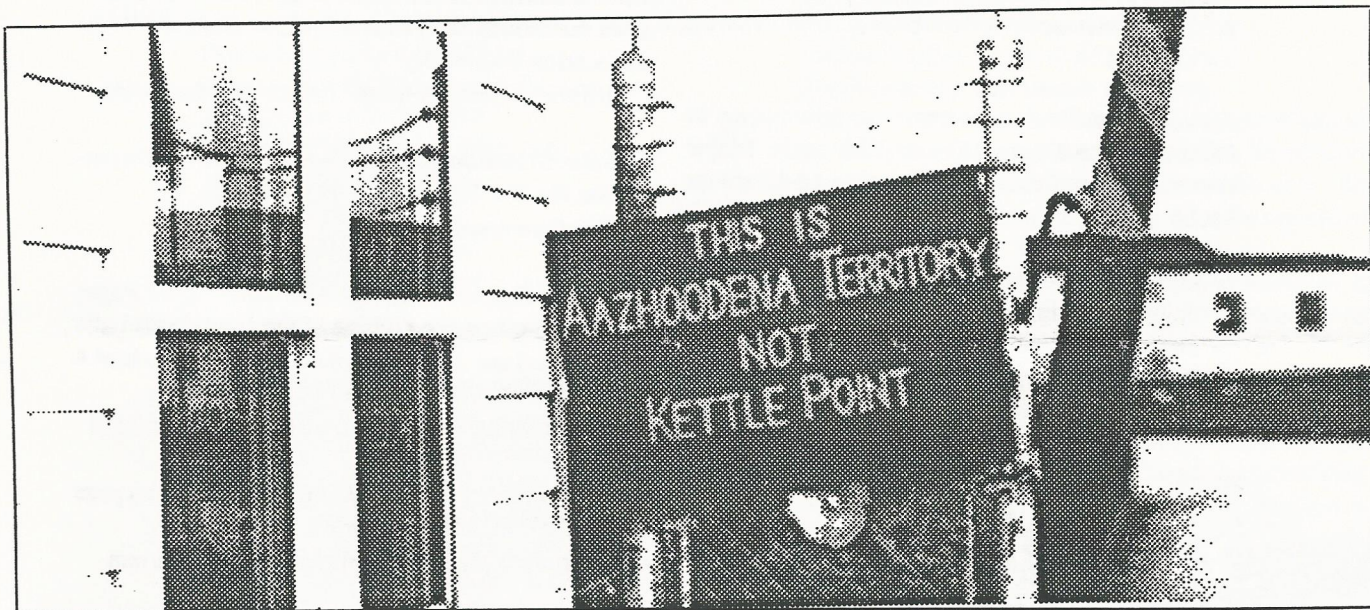
it interesting and useful. The recent riots and disturbances in jails and prisons across the country show how timely and necessary this work is. We want to expand our coverage to include immigration and refugee detention centres. We will continue to make coverage of the First Nations' struggle a top priority, to reflect the crucial importance of that struggle within Canada. Because of the mounting level of resistance and repression in Ontario particularly, we feel that we need to put our limited resources closer to home.

Subs will remain \$10.00 for five issues. (American prisoner subs will be \$3. or ten stamps.) If you wish to continue to receive the paper, please send a check or money order (made out to PSC Publishers, to the PNS address listed on back).

Thanks for your support in the past. And to all those doing prisoner support work -luck, love and strength. The American prison struggle will remain closely intertwined with our own, one we keep always inside our hearts.

Prison News Service

Open letter to the Aboriginal Rights Coalition



Submission to Solidarite

Aazhoodenaang Enjibaa jig: Supporting the Real Struggle for Self-Determination

by Allan Hawk, Sumac Collective

By choosing to support the Kettle & Stony Point band council as you did by publishing the article on Dudley George in *Solidarite* (Vol.6. No.1), you have worked against the efforts of Dudley himself and the Stony Point People (Aazhoodenaang Enjibaa jig).

The Kettle & Stony Point band council was created by the Canadian government when the Aazhoodena were forced to leave their territory in 1942. After relocating some Stony Pointers to swampland on the Kettle Point reserve, a new administration was set up where two native communities were "governed" by one band council. The Kettle & Stony Point band council have always worked against Aazhoodena, who have re-occupied their unceded territory. People like Dudley George.

The Kettle & Stony Point council continues working to undermine the struggle of the Stony Point People. The article printed in *Solidarite* serves the council's interests and also works against the Aazhoodena. The money from the "Memorial Fund" described in *Solidarite* does not assist those who have taken back their territory. The legitimate public account of the Aazhoodena was closed down

by the Toronto Dominion Bank after being pressured by the Kettle & Stony band council. The Canadian government refuses to recognize the Stony Pointers, continuing instead to collaborate with the Kettle & Stony Point council who, in true neo-colonial fashion, are funding a public relations worker to undermine the support that the Aazhoodena have built as a part of their movement for self-determination.

Dudley George's spirit now lends strength to the struggle for the return of the territory and self-determination of the Aazhoodena, just as he did when he walked this Earth. Through your recent actions, A.R.C. have worked against this man and his people, and have put your support with neo-colonial administrations. In 1993, the Aboriginal Rights Coalition, in your submission to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples stated:

Self-determination is not something to be defined by non-aboriginal governments, nor can it be granted or awarded by them. Self-determination means the right of Aboriginal Peoples to realize their aspirations as Peoples and Nations...to be the architects of their own future.

Now this is what the Aazhoodenaang Enjibaa jig, the Stony Point People, are doing. It is the Kettle & Stony Point band council, the Canadian and Ontario governments and their police forces, and through recent actions, the Aboriginal Rights Coalition, that oppose them.

Above:
Stoney Point,
in front of
the former
military
base.
*photo by Jen
Metcalf*

Communication Projects

Newsletters/Publications

On the Prowl, Anti-Racist Action publication exposing fascist activity in Toronto. (Address on back).

Prison News Service, currently re-structuring to focus more on Canada. On its 55th issue. Major source for prison related information. (Address on back).

Solidarity with Native People Bulletin, this monthly bi-lingual bulletin is in its 60th issue. Good source for sovereignty issues in Quebec. (Address on back).

Web Pages

Anti-Colonial Action Alliance Page; has articles and news releases as well as information from the Communication Bulletin.

- <http://www.knet.flemingc.on.ca/~bmcfarla/aca>

Anti-Racist Action-Toronto Page; has local information on the the Toronto anti-facist scene.

- <http://www.web.net/~ara>

Settlers in Support of Indigenous Sovereignty Page; has a comprehensive archive of the Gustafesen Lake standoff and the Ts'peten Defenders, they also host a Temagami, Stoney Point and Lubicon page.

- <http://kafka.uvic.ca/~vipirg/SISIS/SISmain.html>

Mexico Solidarity Network-Montreal Page; has a page listing their mandate and work.

- <http://www.physics.mcgill.ca/www/oscarh/rsm>

Target Indiana; Is a compilation of all the postings and info sent out on the Internet about the cases of the Indiana 6+, Khalfani Khaldun, and the state murders of Ziyon Yisrayah and Amaju Nassor. Also, there are some pages about the death of Robert Gentles at Kingston Penitentiary in Kingston, Ontario which are from the ACAA's postings. The page is designed by Paul Lefrak, Free Mumia Coalition and is located at:

- <http://www.si.umich.edu/~plefr/target.indiana.html>

Radio Shows

Counterpunch, Anti-Colonial Action Alliance hosts a one hour show every other Wednesday. at 9:00pm on Trent Radio 96.3 FM (Contact A.C.A.A. address listed on back).

Native Solidarity News is on CKUT 90.3 fm every Tuesday 6-7pm (Contact Charles at Librairie Alternative, address listed on back)

Radio Anitfa, Anti-Racist Action-Toronto hosts a half hour show in Toronto every other Monday at 7:30pm on CKLN 88.1 FM (Contact ARA address listed on back).

Special Interest Radio on CKWR in Waterloo "representing special interests, and proud of it!" Played Marcia Simon. Contact;

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Project Announcements

Books/CDs

Death Blossoms, Mumia Abu Jamal's new book is now available. To find out how your organization can help distribute this book or to order a copy call the publisher at 800-521-8011. The little known Plough Publishing House also has an excellent website at <http://www.brudershof.org/>

Pine Ridge: An Open Letter to Alan Rock, a CD for Leonard Peltier with 16 Canadian Artists is available in Music Stores.

Speaking Tours

Campaign Against Systemic Racism in the Criminal Justice System, Marcia Simon and Carmeta Gentles speak about the case of Dudley George and Robert Gentles, two people of colour killed by the Criminal Justice System. The tour visited Guelph, Kitchener, Peterborough and Kingston in November and raised over \$2000.00 for the speakers. Contact A.C.A.A. to organize a speaking event.

Under the Shadow of War: Growing up in the north of Ireland, Irish youth speak out on prospects for the future. Join Sinn Féin youth members Maeve McLaughlin and Marion Donaghy for a grassroots perspective on issues facing Irish youth including discrimination, police violence, poverty and unemployment, access to education, and the Irish Peace Initiative. The tour is between January 14th to January 22. Contact;

Action on Ireland (U of T)
phone; (416) 924-9852

Actions

The Unite & Fight Racist Police Violence demonstration starts off on Sat. Feb. 1, 12pm, at 52 Division (Dundas St; west of University Ave.); by 12:30, after we are joined by the 250 CUPE conference delegates (from Hilton), we will march to Queens Park, then if time permits, Police Headquarters (College & Bay).

An officer was finally charged in July for the September 1995 OPP shooting death of Dudley George, during a peaceful occupation by Stoney Point Nations families on their original land. In Metro Toronto, 7 people have been shot in the past year. Three Black youths and one 16-year-old South Asian youth were shot dead — no charges have yet been laid. A broadbased, organized community response is crucially needed to demand; 1) police

accountability, 2) full inquiries into all cases, 3) follow-up on Racism in Criminal Justice System & Aboriginal Commission reports, 4) stop Tory cutbacks, 5) truly independent civilian review & monitoring of police.

Contact;
ARA (address on back).

Int'l Day Against Police Brutality, The Swiss group "Le Drapeau Noir" has initiated a world-wide "International Day Against Police Brutality". We at COBP (french acronym for Citizens Against Police Brutality) have decided it is necessary to embark in this project. The date will be March 15th, 1997, which is a Saturday.

Police brutality is an international problem, let's organize an international community in order to fight these abuses.

Please address e-mail to Caroline or Dee.

e-mail : seahorse@odyssee.net

the web sites for "Le Drapeau Noir" are as follows: in English; <http://www.mygale.org/06/zebwis/cops.htm>

en Francais; <http://www.mygale.org/06/>

Announcements

SISIS has started a list of groups that have actively fought indigenous sovereigntist movements/leaders, or who have anti-native policies in their platform. Please send us suggestions for a top ten list of groups. So far, we have addresses (and, where possible, web sites/eaddresses/ phone numbers/ etc.) for: ON FIRE, BC FIRE, Canada FIRE, MAN FIRE, Mackenzie Institute, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Gravitas Magazine. Links for info on these groups can be found at: <http://kafka.uvic.ca/~vipirg/SISIS/links/anti.html>

Settlers in Support of Indigenous Sovereignty needs a used Mac computer, with at least 8 megs of RAM, to continue the WWW work. If anyone knows of any Macs fitting this description for under \$1000, please let them know ASAP.

Food Not Bombs Toronto is back. It is a grassroots organization dedicated to serving free vegetarian food to the hungry by the redistribution and preparation of surplus food. Its central principals are non-violence, free unrestricted access to healthy food, and an honest consensus-based decision making process. If you want to help, contact
phone; 416-351-0875 or 416-214-0289.

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How to get connected

To become an affiliated group of the Anti-Colonial Action Alliance you must be in agreement with the basis of unity. Contact the Peterborough address or one of the listed organizations for more information.

Basis of Unity

The Anti-Colonial Action Alliance is a national network of autonomous groups and individuals and local Anti-Colonial Action groups who act in alliance with Indigenous resistance to the colonial state of Canada. ACAA engages in investigative research, public education, support work and direct action.